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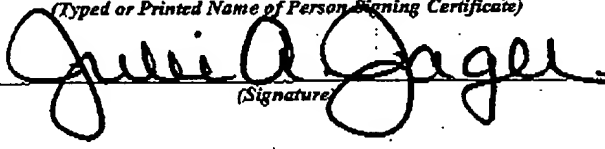
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER (General - Patent Pending)			Docket No. DI-5737
In Re Application Of: Ton That Hal, et al.			
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is:</p> <p>Applicants' Submission Regarding a Request for Entry and Examination of Applicants' Response to Office Action (2 pgs.); Applicants' Response submitted on December 15, 2003 including copy of transmittal letter and return receipt postcard (7 pgs.).</p> <p>in the above identified application.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 02-1818 as described below.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Charge the amount of _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee required.</p> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> _____ Signature</div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;">Thomas C. Basso Reg. No. 46,541 BELL, BOYD & LLOYD LLC P.O. Box 1135 Chicago, IL 60690-1135 Phone: 312-807-4310</div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;">Dated: March 12, 2004</div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;">CC:</div>			
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**APPLICANTS' SUBMISSION REGARDING A REQUEST FOR ENTRY AND
EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants are respectfully requesting for the Entry and Examination thereof of Applicants' Response submitted on December 15, 2003 ("Applicants' Response") in response to the Office Action mailed on September 15, 2003. This request is in response to the discussions between Mr. Thomas C. Basso, undersigned attorney of record, and Examiner Wayne Langel of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"). These discussions occurred over a period of time beginning on or about March 8, 2004.

To date, Applicants have not received a date-stamped postcard from the USPTO indicating that Applicants' Response had been received by the USPTO. Further, the USPTO does not have a record of receiving Applicants' Response based on discussions with Examiner Langel. At the request of Examiner Langel, Applicants have provided him with a fax copy of Applicants' Response. Examiner Langel further requested that Applicants provide a submission that summarizes the situation and what Applicants seek to have done in view of same. Accordingly, Applicants are providing herewith this Submission that requests entry and examination of Applicants' Response as described below in greater detail.

As evidence by the transmittal letter filed along with Applicants' Response, Applicants' Response was filed on December 15, 2003, with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under

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37 C.F.R. §1.8 and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. A copy of Applicants' Response is attached herewith for convenience purposes. Further, Applicants submitted a return receipt postcard along with Applicants' Response. A copy of the postcard is also attached herewith. Applicants are also submitting herewith a fax transmittal letter that indicates the filing of Applicants' Response attached herewith along with this submission. Therefore, Applicants' believe that the fax copy of Applicant's Response transmitted herewith should be entered and examined.

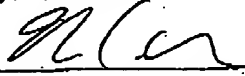
Moreover, Applicants do not believe that any fees associated with, for example, a Petition for an Extension of Time should be required. As previously discussed, Applicants' Response was filed on December 15, 2003 which was within the non-fee filing deadline in response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003. However, if any fees are due and owed with respect to the filing of Applicants' Response herewith, Applicants hereby authorize the Director to charge deposit account no. 02-1818 for any additional fees required.

If the Patent Office has any further questions regarding the Entry and Examination of Applicants' Response, Applicants kindly request that the undersigned attorney of record be contacted directly in order to bring prompt resolution to any issues associated with same.

Respectfully submitted,

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